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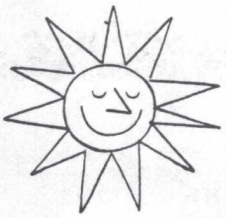

August is picnic time you know,
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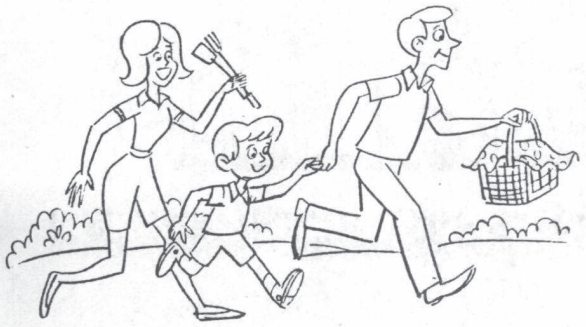
There's a vollyball court and playgroung too.
So bring the whole family along with you.

Six o'clock is when we'll start.
There'll be lots of food if we do our part.

Bring dishes and glasses and detectors too.
The club will buy the drinks for you.

Be at the pavilion at seven sharp,
Because soon after the drawings will start.

We can talk and trade till after dark,
So on August 29th come to Copperton park.



Teamwork is essential--it allows you to blame someone else!!!

Experience is a wonderful thing.
It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

# Let's get lucky !

DRAWING

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| 1. | S.&C., Park City, 5 | R-1 |
| 2. | Mills Novelty Co., S.L.C., G.F.5¢ I.T. | R-1 |
| 3. | Magna Pool Hall, G.F. 5¢ I.T. | R-3 |
| 4. | Rocky Mountian Bell Telephone, one local switch, | R-3 |
| 5. | Z. Park City, G.F. 5¢ Drink or Cigar | R-8 |

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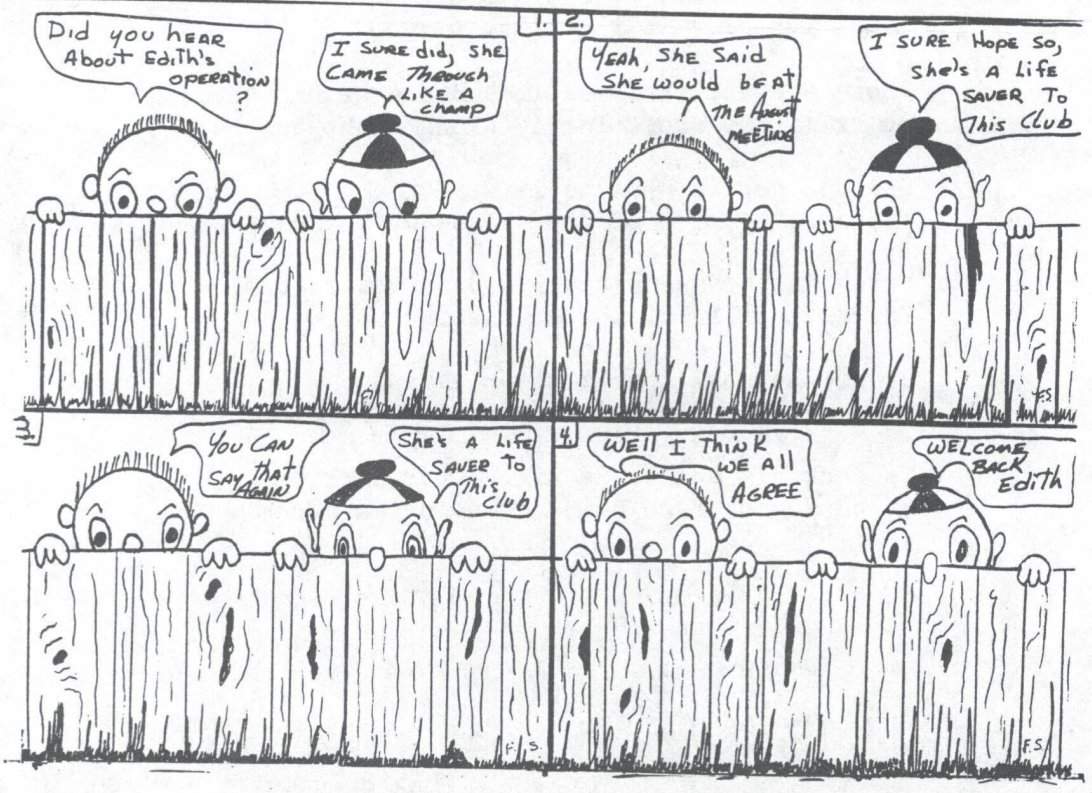


# From The Head Nut

Dear NUTS,

Well here it is August already and summer will soon be coming to an end.

August has started out well. Our August Dig was at the ghost town of Manning and Sunshine. There was a good turn out of members and one non-member. One of our fellow treasure hunters was Bill Cos of the Intermountain Treasure Hunters Club. Our finds were small, being limited to a few artifacts and a couple of modern coins. And as usual, a good time was had by everyone who was there.

We have one more camp dig left scheduled for this summer. The Labor Day weekend, August 31 and September 1 and 2, we will be heading down to Southern Utah to visit the gold town of Kimberly and while Kimberly will be our main objective, we should be able to explore the nearby towns of Bullion and Webster, too. I'm planning to make the trip down, and I'd like to encourage everyone who can come, come and join us at Kimberly.

Before we head out to Kimberly, we will be attending our annual club picnic. This year our picnic will be at Copperton Park. The picnic will take the place of our regular meeting and will be on August 29th which is the 5th Thursday of the month. It will be a POT-LUCK dinner. Lance Johnson, our Vice President, will soon be calling you to ask you to bring along a food item if he hasn't called you already. If you haven't received a call by this time, give him a call and let him know if you're coming and what you can bring. The club is going to provide the drinks, and the club has reserved the pavilion. Hope you can make it. It should be fun.

Next month we will be returning to the Redwood Multipurpose Center and our regular meeting night. Our speaker for the evening will be Professor Richard Roberts.

Professor Roberts is with the history department of Weber State College. He will be speaking to us about the early history of Utah before its settlement by the Mormon pioneers.

Last months meeting was a bourse night and although attendance was somewhat small, several tokens changed hands. I managed to come up with two previously unlisted tokens that I added to my collection.

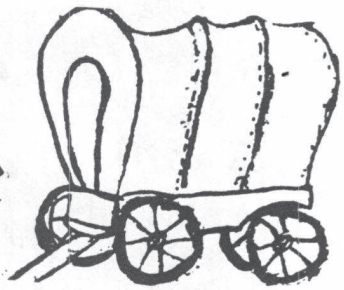
Now speaking of unlisted tokens, take a look at this months "Diggin's Column". If you have a Maverick or a new discovery send in a rubbing. They don't have to be Utah tokens either. There will be no rarity ratings and no pricing. Also, if you wish to remain anonymous let us know. This column is for the information of our members only.

Well I guess that covers it for this month. See you at the picnic!



...George Wilson

# The Wagonmaster's Page



Welcome to the Wagonmasters page. This coming Labor Day, the N.U.T.S. will be heading for Kimberly. This was a gold mining camp in the Tushar Mountains east of Marysvale in Piute County. This camp grew into a fair size town bustling with everything from brothels to barber shops. The gold of the region was associated with silver and proved a fine money maker back around the turn of the century.

The town lies high in the mountains and those who attend the outing are advised to bring some warm clothes. This Wagonmaster has played on glaciers less than a mile from the old town, in JULY. This Wagonmasters parents happen to own property in Joseph, a sleepy little town on the highway about 15 miles north of Marysvale and there is a 24 foot trailer and a bunk house, on the property, along with running water and alike. If you want to go and need transportation or a place to stay, just let me know, We have plenty of room. Call Ken at 968-2297. We Wagonmasters want a good turn out for this trip so if there is anything we can do, HOLLER!

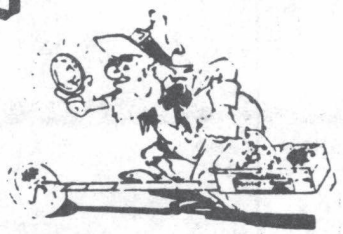
There is also a town just south of Marysvale that was called Alunite. I have visited this ghost town a few times and plan on doing so again on this Labor Day outing. The town was large. Quite a few old foundations remain. There is also a fair number of "rattlers" in the area. This is where the incident happened with the rattler, that was mentioned in the article on snakes in the January '85 Token Hunter. I hope I didn't scare anyone off by mentioning it. I just thought a word of caution might be appropriate.

The Wagonmasters would like to see everyone come to the Redwood Multipurpose Center Saturday morning, August 31st, at 8:A.M. We will leave about 8:20. Come join the fun. Who knows what we'll find. A couple of weeks ago a teacher from Richfield, out with his son near Kimberly, found an 84 year old Notice of Location in an old rusty can in a tree. Treasures are still there, but you have to go look to find them.

See you there.

YOUR WAGONMASTERS
Ken Lambson
Brian Moulton

# Diggin's



HOWDY NUTS !!! Before we get into this months finds, I'd like to let everyone know about some changes we're going to make in the future. We'd like to start having rubbings of new tokens found, as well as the format we've had in the past. These rubbings can be of new self-identified (I.E. with name or city and/or state stamped onto the token) or Mavericks that some of our diligent researchers might be able to identify and attribute. If you don't feel competent enough to do your own rubbing (it is quite easy) contact myself or a member of the Board, and we'll see that it is rubbed! OK? Let's have a grundle of finds next month!!!

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It seems like the heat has slowed down the metal detecting, but the finds that have been made have been good!!!

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By now I'm sure most everyone realizes that the Wasatch Fault did not shift, but rather John Attebury got very excited and did a lot of jumping up and down. In about an hour and half of digging at an old school, John found the following: an 1880 Indian Head Penny, the following Wheatbacks: 1917-D, (2 Pcs), 1918, 1920-S (2 Pcs), 1925-D, 1926-D, 1929-S, and 5 more in the 1940's. He also found the following silver dimes: 1917, 1929-S, 1920-D, and 3 silver Roosevelt Dimes. He even found 2 dimes and 3 pennies in the same hole!!! Not bad at all for an hour and a half dig!!!

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Harold Franke has been at it again!!! This time he found a Dairy Token, "S.H. Richards, Good for 1 qt. Milk". Maybe next month we'll have a rubbing of this token.

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My detecting time has been limited. But I did manage to find a 1903 Barber Dime, and one of my better coin finds in a while, a 1931-S Wheatback!!!

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Now it's your turn to BRAG! What have you found? Share it with your fellow NUTS by calling me at 561-2392. Have fun and good hunting!!!

...Bruce Robinson

Our most sincere sympathies go out to Norm Johnson on the loss of his sister who passed away recently.

Member Tom Malloy is currently recovering from surgery and a bout with post operative pneumonia. Get well soon Tom.

Edith Attebury who is recovering from by-pass surgery was readmitted to the hospital and has since returned home. We hope she will soon be back at the meetings.

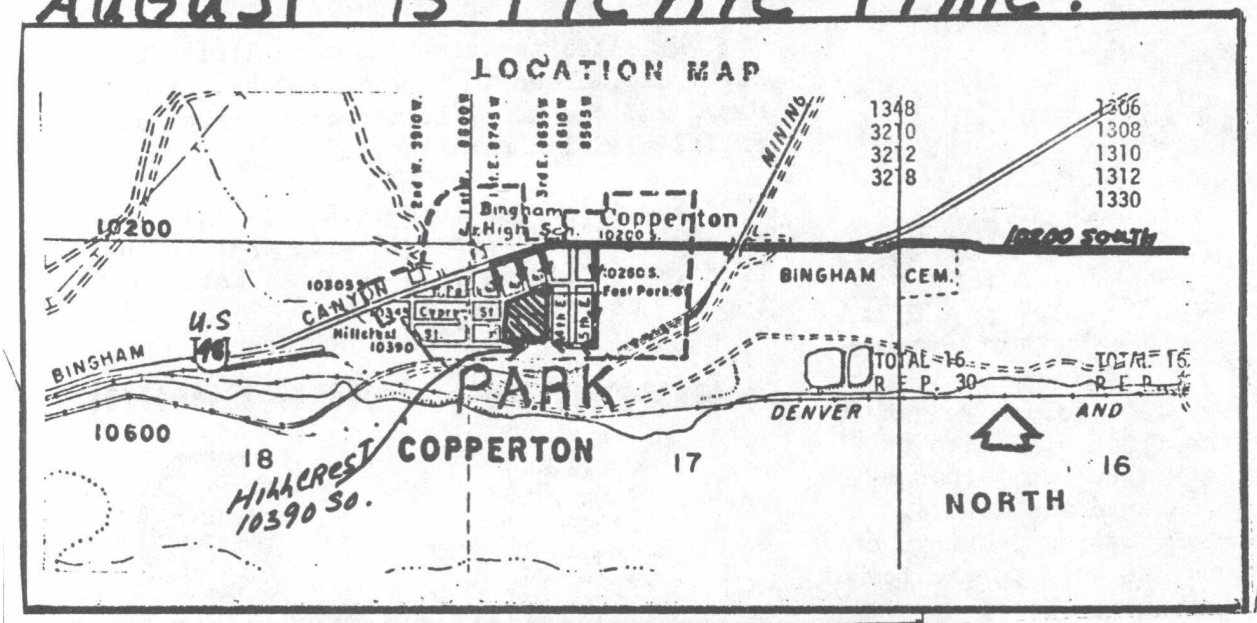
Also under the weather recently was past President, Bob Campbell. A case of pneumonia nessesitated closing of his shop for a few days, but we understand he is back on his feet again.

CONGRATULATIONS to members Bob Harris and Harry Campbell. Both recently received membership awards from the American Vectarist Association!

Member George Hosek has released his third edition "Nebraska Town Rarity List".

NUTS Members have been invited to attend the Indian Springs Treasure Hunt in September. Entry fee is $15.00. For further information, call or write Carolyn Williams, 458 Pearl Street, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 (208) 237-5324.

# AUGUST is Picnic Time!

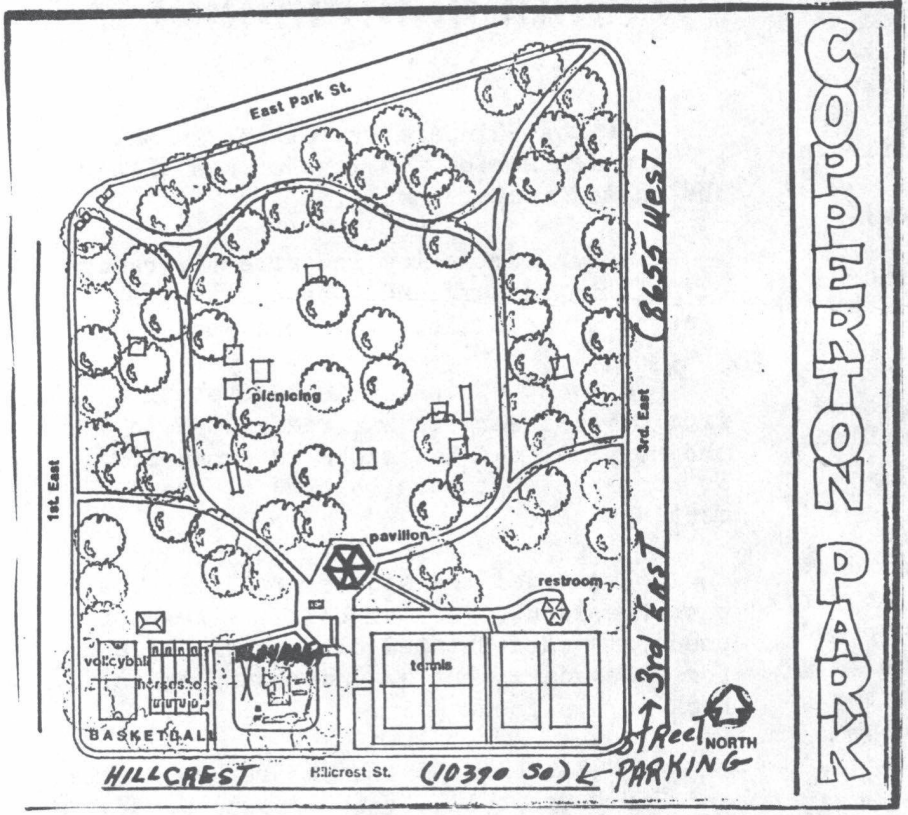



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

N.U.T.S. FAMILY POT-LUCK PICNIC!!

AUGUST 29, 6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

COPPERTON PARK




OUR ANNUAL N.U.T.S. PICNIC will be held August 29th which is the **fifth** Thursday of August, because we were unable to get reservations for the 4th Thursday.

We will meet at the Pavilion in Copperton Park at 6:00p.m. or as close thereto as you can make it. Above you will find a map showing how to get to Copperton and to the left is a map of the park area. Bring dishes, glasses, and utinsels to eat with and metal detectors, too.

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The only parking for this park is on the streets surrounding the park but that should not be a problem

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There are electrical outlets, lighting, water faucent, drinking fountain, restrooms and single picnic tables available. Also, there is a playground for the kids.

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Let's try to have everyone who possibly can do so plan to attend. If you haven't been able to make many of the meetings, this is a good chance to renew acquaintance with your fellow NUTS! Lance Johnson (our Vice-Pres.) is in charge of the picnic and we'd like to make it a POT-LUCK with everyone participating. Lance (or one of the other officers) will be calling each of you soon about FOOD so be thinking about what you'd like to bring---or what you'd like someone else to bring. The club will provide the drinks.

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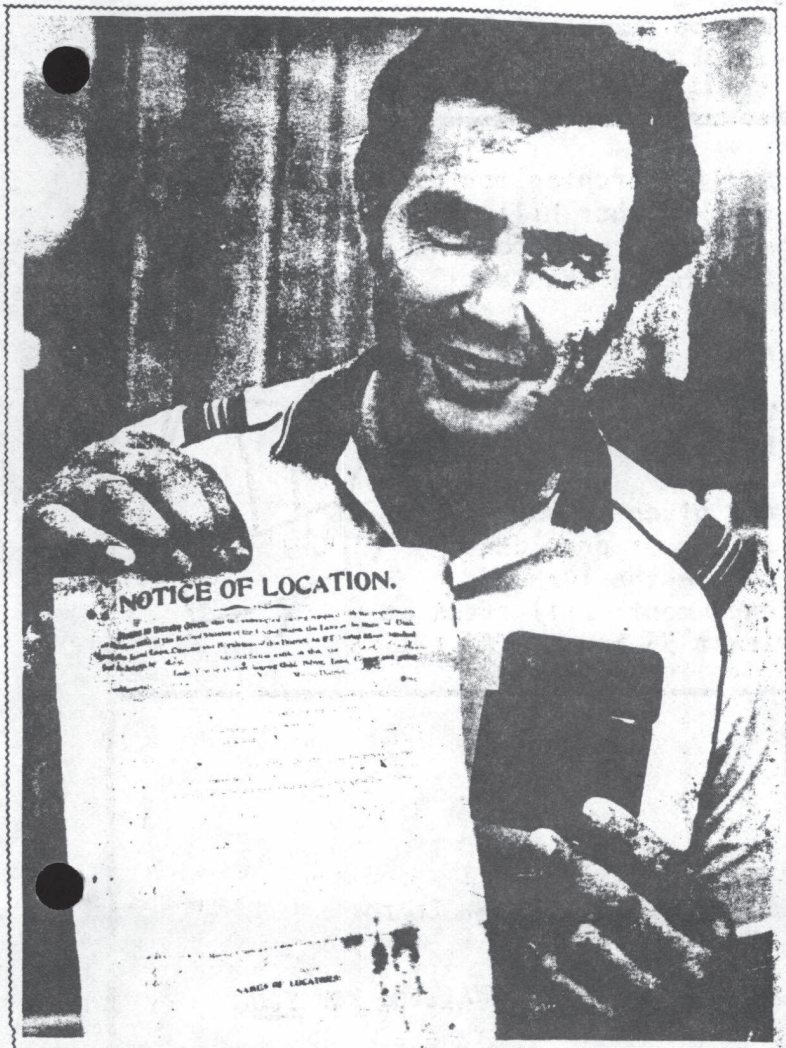


Sid Stewart, Richfield, holds old location notice, and the rusted tin can in which it was found in a tree at Kimberly. The notice was dated in 1901 and described a section of mining land. Date was when Kimberly was in its heyday as mining town.

# Old Mining Notice Survived Kimberly's Boom, Bust

After 84 years of safekeeping in the trunk of a tree, a "Notice of Location" for a mining claim was discovered by a Richfield man and his son in the Kimberly area of the Tusher Mountains near the Sevier-Piute County line.

The notice was found carefully folded inside what appeared to be a metal medicine can, which had rusted on the outside, making it impossible to identify.

Sid Stewart, Richfield art teacher, and his son, Terry, 17, were "exploring" in the Kimberly area when they noticed the can about eye-level in the trunk of a large pine tree. Stewart said it appeared a place in the trunk had been hollowed out and the can placed inside, then held in place by two nails driven into the tree in front of the can.

The location notice was dated April 5, 1901 and described the "general course of the vein."

Names of the locators, C. W. Snyder and Jospeh Jarrett were affixed to the document which described the name of the mining claim as Pearl Fraction.

The tract was described in the notice as being 1,500 feet in length by 600 feet in width bearing gold, silver, lead copper and other valuable metals "situated in the Gold Mountain Mining District in Piute County."

The date of the notice was during the heyday of mining in that particular area, which was one of the richest in the state of Utah for many years. A city called Kimberly was built in the site which is located south of Interstate Highway 70 in Clear Creek Canyon about 30 miles southwest of Richfield. The area covered parts of both Sevier and Piute counties and was the source of a rich supply of gold mining for many years.

Many persons continue to roam the area, looking for remnants of the community, its gold riches and other artifacts of a long-lost legend.

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# World of exonumia

By David E. Schenkman

## *Where the tokens are*

Tokens are where you find them. If you find that statement hard to believe, just ask 10 experienced token "hunters" where they located some of their favorite tokens, and be prepared to hear some very interesting stories.

Unlike the collector of United States coinage, who in most instances must rely on dealers or other collectors to provide him with material, the token collector has many paths to follow.

Antique dealers occasionally have tokens, usually obtained in the purchase of estates. After making the rounds of your local antique shops a few times you'll know which ones are worthy of continued visits. Antique shows and flea markets are likely places to find tokens, and they give the collector an opportunity to see a large number of dealers in a short period of time. My advice, if you visit these shows, is to be there when they open. In the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area where I live, there are a number of token hunters (as there are in most heavily populated parts of the country), and the early bird usually gets the worm.

Don't be surprised when you encounter an antique dealer with several really nice tokens, but with a price tag of several times their true value. Unfortunately there is no "Red Book" of token values, and therefore the price quoted will, more times than not, be a wild guess. Keep looking, the next dealer's tokens might be drastically underpriced.

In some parts of the country relic hunting with metal detectors is quite popular, and many extremely rare tokens have been discovered this way. Naturally time takes its toll on tokens buried underground, and frequently the "finds" are badly corroded or pitted. Just remember that a token's condition is not nearly as important as that of a coin. The token you find might well be the only known example of its kind, an item even rarer than the famous Brasher doubloon (which has brought as much as $725,000 at auction), although not nearly as valuable. If you are not interested in using a metal detector, but live in an area where this hobby is popular, contact local relic hunters and establish yourself as a buyer of tokens.

Make your interests known to friends and business associates. I am guilty of not doing this as well as I should, and probably my silence has cost me tokens in the past. Recently I was at the home of a musical instrument repairman who has done work for me several times over the years. Knowing that I am a coin dealer, this gentleman brought out some silver dollars for me to appraise. As we discussed coins I mentioned my specialty, tokens and medals. Sure enough, he has some tokens stuck away in his attic, and has promised to show them to me during my next visit.

While living in Virginia I was an avid collector of merchant trade tokens from that state. These tokens were used by general stores, bars, druggists, dairies, bakeries, coal mine and lumber camp company stores and numerous other types of business establishments as a substitute for money, mostly from the latter half of the 19th century through the 1940s.

My wife and I took many trips through the state, stopping at every old country store we saw and asking if tokens were ever used. This was during the mid 1960s, and although it might seem a waste of time looking for tokens that hadn't been used for several decades "at the source," we were able to acquire many previously unknown tokens during these trips.

My approach was to carry a few tokens in my pocket, show them to the store's proprietor and explain to him that I was a collector of such items. Needless to say, this frequently resulted in blank stares or funny looks. (Why would anyone want to waste his time looking for those things?) These wasted stops, which were expected, were far offset by the occasions when the store owner's face would light up with recognition and he would start talking about how tokens had been used in his store. And, the real thrill would come with he reached under his counter and produced a handful of old tokens (I remember one owner who still had about 50 tokens in the back section of his store's cash register).

"But that was nearly 20 years ago," you might say. "What chance do I have of still finding tokens that way?" The answer, of course, is less and less as time goes by. As stores change ownership or go out of business, tokens (which are considered worthless to many people) are frequently thrown away or destroyed. However, it is not too late to give it a try.

Although I no longer have time to spend searching for tokens, I recently had occasion to travel through a rural area of Virginia. Passing an old country store, I noticed the owner's name over the door. It rang a bell, so I pulled over and dug out a copy of *Virginia Tokens*, a book I wrote in 1980. Turning to the listing of tokens from that town, I found a description for one denomination of token with the same last name (but different initials) as that of the store I had just passed. I backed up, went in the store, and showed the owner the illustration of the token listed in my book. His eyes lit up and he told me that the tokens had been used in the early 1900s by his father. We talked, I drank a soda, and eventually he went in the back room of the store, rummaged around for a few minutes, and came back with a five-piece set of tokens, 5 cents through $1, which he presented to me. Interestingly enough, the token listed in my book was a 1-cent piece, the only denomination that my new friend didn't have (he didn't recall ever having seen one, but as he pointed out, the tokens were used before his time).

Luck plays its role in locating tokens in the ways I have described above, and some of us are certainly luckier than others. Bad luck is usually offset by perseverence, so keep at it; that rare token might just be waiting at your next stop.

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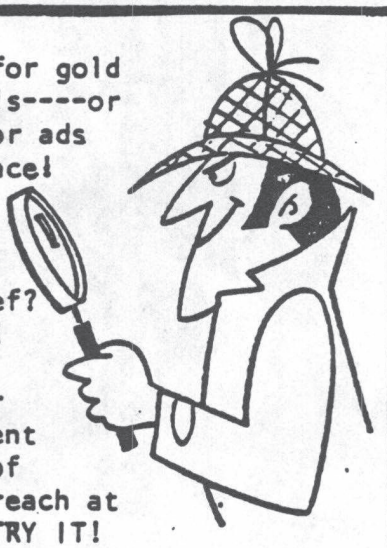

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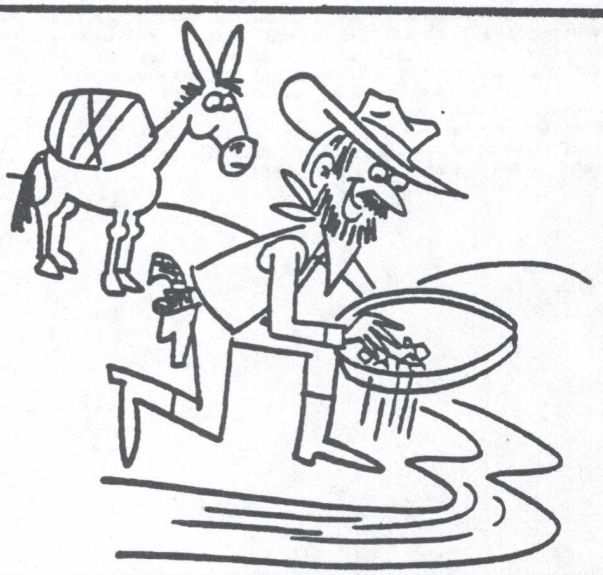

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